

Advanced Topic on International Relationship Spring 2024

Part I

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Week 1~3

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I. Introduction

In these three seminars/sessions, we will discuss the contemporary international politics of the Asia-Pacific region, with a primary focus on the major state actors, namely the United States and China. Recognizing that not every student enrolled in this course specializes in international relations or international politics, our aim is to develop a *basic* understanding of international relations and the associated political and security dynamics prevalent in today's Asia-Pacific region. This foundation will serve as a stepping stone for you to cultivate and refine critical insights into the histories, modernities, and mechanisms that underpin the (re)making of international relations. These fundamental issues will be discussed in subsequent seminars led by other IR experts following the first three sessions with me.

II. Learning Outcomes

On the successful completion of these sessions, the student will have:

- An empirical appreciation of the key contemporary issues at stake in international relations, in particular in the international politics of the Asia-Pacific region
- A critical appreciation of why states behave as they do in world politics
- In-depth knowledge of at least one topic within the discipline of International Relations
- Enhanced research skills through the use of primary and secondary evidential sources
- Enhanced written and oral presentation skills
- Enhanced independent learning capabilities through locating and using research materials
- Critical skills to appreciate scholarly writings on foreign policy and international politics

III. Format

We will conduct one seminar per week, totaling three seminars over three weeks. The first seminar will be a two-hour session, while the subsequent two seminars will extend to three hours each. Each seminar encompasses a blend of professor-led lectures and active student participation. All students *must* actively participate in each session through activities such as oral presentations, question and answer sessions and group discussions.

IV. Evaluation

- a. Attendance 20%
- b. Oral presentation and Q&A: 40%
- c. Discussion and Assignment: 40%

Further details of the format and the evaluation will be announced during the first week of the seminars.

V. Readings

- a. Background reading

The following texts, in combination, should provide you with the essential background knowledge that you will need to complement your weekly reading requirements for each seminar.

- Kegley, Charles W. and Eugene R. Wittkopf. *World Politics: Trends and Transformation*. (Thomson Wardsworth).
- Derek McDougall, *Asia Pacific in World Politics*. (Lynne Rienner Publishers).
- Smith, Steve, Amelia Hadfield and Tim Dunne. *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases*. (Oxford University Press)
- Williams, Paul (ed.) *Security Studies: An Introduction*. (Routledge).
- Neack, Laura. *The New Foreign Policy: Power Seeking in a Globalized Era*. (Rowman& Littlefield).

- b. A core and supplementary reading list will be distributed shortly.

VI. Course Schedule

Note: Under certain circumstances and with the consent of the enrolled students, the following timetable/plan may be modified.

February 22: Global Politics in the 21st Century and the United States Power

[Questions to consider]

- What kind of world order do you think we live in?
- Is the world of today different from the world of the 20th century? If so, how much and in what ways?
- Is the "liberal" global order in trouble? Will it be replaced? Can it be saved?
- What are the benefits and challenges of interdependence and globalisation?
- Can war be eliminated? Are nation states inherently self-interested?
- Which actors do you think can or should play a significant role in solving global problems?
- Between states and non-state actors such as web-based social networks and multinational

- corporations, which actor is more important in global politics?
- Do you think we need to move beyond the current system of individual nation states to a global, cosmopolitan system of governance to better deal with international issues and problems? If so, how should we move in this direction?
- What makes the Asia-Pacific region different from other regions?
- Is the USA a hegemonic power?
- If so, will this hegemonic status continue in the future?
- What does the United States want in world politics and in East Asia in particular?
- Why is the United States still deeply involved in East Asia after the end of the Cold War?
- What constraints does the United States face in its involvement (or engagement) in East Asia?

February 29: The United States Foreign Policy

[Questions to consider]

- What are the main foreign policy goals and strategies of the United States?
- What does “America First” foreign policy mean?
- How does the US try to achieve its goals in East Asia?
- What do you think about the Biden administration’s positions on global issues? What are the differences or similarities between the foreign policies of the Trump and Biden administrations?
- How do you view current US relations with other regions like Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and Africa?
- “In the absence of a new American internationalism, the likely outcome will be a world that is less free, more violent, and less willing or able to address common challenges” (Haass 2021: 98). What do you make of Haass's argument?

March 7: U.S.-China Competition and its Implications for International Security

[Questions to consider]

- What does China want on the global stage? What (regional and global) roles does Beijing want to play? What national identities or national images is it trying to construct?
- Will China rise peacefully? Much of the realist IR literature answers this question in the negative. What are their reasons? Do you agree with them?
- Can China be an alternative to the US-led international order?
- What are the implications of a rising China for the world order and, more specifically, for regional security in East Asian?
- How do you assess current US-China relations?
- How likely is a military conflict between the US and China? Is rivalry and war between them “inevitable”?
- *If* there is a military conflict, what would be the impact on East Asia and the world?
- How can relations between the two great powers be improved?
- Given the growing tensions between the US and China, what foreign policy would you

suggest the East Asian states develop and pursue? What are the advantages and risks of your proposal?

Part II

Prof. Chung-min Tsai, TSE

Week 4~10

This section delves into the realm of international relations theories, emphasizing key theoretical debates and their relevance to real-world global events. By the end of this part, students will develop the skills to contextualize arguments within the conceptual framework and historical context of IR theory. They will gain an understanding of the wide array of concepts and explanations regarding state behavior, discerning the assumptions, logical frameworks, causal mechanisms, and empirical implications underlying different theoretical perspectives. Additionally, students will become familiar with essential empirical evidence supporting or challenging significant theories in the field.

Evaluation

Reflection Essays	30%
Class presentations & Weekly participation	50%
Class attendance	20%

March 14: IR Theories

- Maliniak, Daniel, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney (2020), "Explaining the Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations: Uncertainty and Access," in *Bridging the Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations*, Georgetown University Press, pp. 1-26.
- Maliniak, Daniel, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney (2012). *Trip around the World: Teaching, Research, and Policy Views of International Relations Faculty in 20 Countries*. Williamsburg, VA: College of William & Mary. May 2012. Retrieved from http://www.wm.edu/offices/itpir/_documents/trip/trip_around_the_world_2011.pdf
- Jervis, Robert (2001). *International History and International Politics: Why Are They Studied Differently?* In Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman (Eds.), *Bridges and Boundaries: Historians, Political Scientists, and the Study of International Relations* (pp. 385-402). Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

March 21: Realism

- Morgenthau, Hans, *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace* (1948, most recent edition 1985) Chapters 1, 3, 15 ("A Realist Theory of International Politics"), Chapter 3 ("Political Power"), and Chapter 15 ("Morality, Mores, and Law as Restraints on Power")
- Wohlforth, William, "Realism", Chapter 7 in Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal, eds., *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Waltz, Kenneth. *Theory of International Politics* (1979). Chapters 1, 2, 4-6, and 8

March 28: Balance of Power

- Walt, Stephen M., *The Origins of Alliances* (pb. edn. 1987), esp. chs. 1, 2 and 8
- Monteiro, Nuno P., “Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity is Not Peaceful”, *International Security*, Vol. 36, 3 (2012): 9-40.
- Schweller, Randall, “Unanswered Threats: A Neoclassical Realist Theory of Underbalancing”, *International Security*, Vol. 29, 2 (2004): 159-201.

April 4: Holiday

April 11: Liberalism

- Keohane, Robert, *After Hegemony: Co-operation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (1984). Chapters 1, 4-6.
- Ikenberry, John G., *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars* (2001), Chapters 1 and 3.
- Baldwin, David A., (ed.), *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (1993), esp. chs. 1,2,4 and 11
- Layne, Christopher, “Kant or Cant: The Myth of Democratic Peace”, *International Security*, Vol. 19, 2 (1994): 5-49.
- Moravcsik, Andrew, “Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics”, *International Organization*, Vol. 51, 4 (1997): 513-553.
- Owen, John, “How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace”, *International Security*, Vol. 19, 2 (1994): 87-125.

April 18: Constructivism

- Wendt, Alexander, *Social Theory of International Politics* (1999). Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7.
- Forum on Wendt in *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 26, 1 (2000): contributions from Keohane, Krasner, Doty, Smith (response by Wendt)
- Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink, “International Norm Dynamics and Political Change”, *International Organization*, 52, 4 (1998): 887-917.

Part III

Prof. Ayşe Zarakol, University of Cambridge
Week 10~12

April 25: Rethinking Sovereignty and Order in IR Beyond Eurocentrism

What is sovereignty in IR? Traditional history of sovereignty and order (Europe)

- Krasner, Stephen D. 2001. "Sovereignty." *Foreign Policy*, no. 122: 20–29.
- Bull, Hedley (2012) *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. 4th ed. Basingstoke and New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. Introduction.
- De Carvalho, Benjamin, Halvard Leira, and John M. Hobson. 2011. "The Big Bangs of IR: The Myths That Your Teachers Still Tell You about 1648 and 1919." *Millennium* 39 (3): 735–58.
- De Carvalho, Benjamin. 2021. "Sovereignty in Historical International Relations: Trajectories, Challenges, and Implications." In *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, 220–30. Routledge.
- Hall, J. R. 2013. *International Orders*. John Wiley & Sons.
- Hobson, John M. 2012. *The Eurocentric Conception of World Politics: Western International Theory, 1760-2010*. Cambridge University Press.
- Philpott, D. 2001 *Revolutions in Sovereignty: How Ideas Shaped Modern International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Introduction
- Osiander, Andreas. 2001. "Sovereignty, International Relations and the Westphalian Myth." *International Organization* 55 (2): 251–87.
- Watson, Adam. 2009. *The Evolution of International Society: A Comparative Historical Analysis* Reissue with a New Introduction by Barry Buzan and Richard Little. Routledge.

Additional Meeting – Suggested date

April 29 (May 9): Rethinking sovereignty & order building in IR

- De Carvalho, Benjamin, Andrew A. Latham, Ayşe Zarakol, Jens Bartelson, Minda Holm, Julia Costa Lopez. 2018. "In the Beginning There Was No Word (for It): Terms, Concepts, and Early Sovereignty." *International Studies Review* 20 (3): 489–519. *
- Bartelson, Jens. 1995. *A Genealogy of Sovereignty*. Cambridge University Press. Introduction
- Benton, Lauren. 2009. *A Search for Sovereignty: Law and Geography in European Empires, 1400–1900*. Cambridge University Press. Introduction.
- Branch, Jordan. 2011. "Mapping the Sovereign State: Technology, Authority, and Systemic Change." *International Organization* 65 (1): 1–36.
- Buzan, Barry, and George Lawson. 2013. "The Global Transformation: The Nineteenth Century and the Making of Modern International Relations." *International Studies Quarterly: Association* 57 (3): 620–34.
- Zarakol, Ayşe (2022) *Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders*. Cambridge University Press. Introduction. *

May 2: Sovereignty and Order Before the West; Implications for the Present

- Moin, Azfar and Alan Strathern, eds. 2022. *Sacred Kingship in World History*. Columbia University Press.
- Brook, Timothy, Michael van Walt van Praag, and Miek Boltjes. 2018. *Sacred Mandates: Asian International Relations since Chinggis Khan*. University of Chicago Press.
- Huang, Chin-Hao. 2022. *State Formation through Emulation: The East Asian Model*. Cambridge University Press.
- Hui, Victoria Tin-Bor. 2020. "Cultural Diversity and Coercive Cultural Homogenization in Chinese History." In *Culture and Order in World Politics*, 93–112. Cambridge University Press.
- Hobson, John M. 2020. *Multicultural Origins of the Global Economy': Beyond the Western-Centric Frontier*. Cambridge University Press.
- Kang, David C. 2010. *East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Neumann, Iver B., and Einar Wigen. 2018. *The Steppe Tradition in International Relations: Russians, Turks and European State-Building 4000 BCE-2018 CE*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Park, Seo-Hyun. 2017. *Sovereignty and Status in East Asian International Relations*. Cambridge University Press.
- Phillips, Andrew. 2016. "Global IR Meets Global History: Sovereignty, Modernity, and the International System's Expansion in the Indian Ocean Region." *International Studies Review* 18 (1): 62–77.
- Zarakol, Ayşe. 2022. *Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2-5.

Week 13

May 16: Study Week

Part IV

Changing Global and Regional Orders

Prof. T.V. Paul, McGill University

Week 14~17

The international order is currently undergoing major changes. Two decades of relative peace came to an end in the second half of the 2010s with a more assertive China and Russia challenging the US-led order. The liberal international order is challenged from within with increasing democratic backslide and the rise of populist leaders in many countries. The key regions of the world are also changing with the rise of new aspirants for global status and power. This seminar will cover a broad array of theoretical and historical literature on global and regional orders with an emphasis on changing attributes. We will also examine what cause conflict and cooperation at both global and regional levels.

Requirements

Students are expected to write a substantive research paper (maximum 20 double-spaced pages for inclusive of bibliography and footnotes) dealing with: (a) an application of one or more of the theories discussed to a significant event in international relations (e.g. crisis, war, or an event that resulted in a peace settlement or cooperation), or (b), explaining one of the

above questions, using one's own theory, or (c) explaining a puzzle or a paradox in the realm of international conflict or cooperation. A one-page outline of the paper should be distributed among the participants beginning from the second week, and the seminar will discuss each of the research topics individually. The proposal should discuss the research question, possible alternative hypotheses, your own hypothesis or argument, methodology, theoretical and policy implications, and conclusions. All papers should conform to Chicago style footnotes and bibliography. In addition, each student is expected to make oral presentations on the basis of the required readings for the week. The deadline for paper submission is ???.

Evaluation

Essay outline and presentations	10%
Class presentations & Weekly participation	30%
Class attendance	10%
Research essay	50%

May 23: The Liberal Order

- Doyle, Michael, "Liberalism and World Politics," *APSR*, 80(4), December 1986: 1151-69.
- Russett, Bruce, *Grasping the Democratic Peace*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993: Chs. 1-2, 4-6.
- G John Ikenberry, *A World Safe for Democracy* (New Haven: Yale University press, 2020), Chs 1-3 &6.
- Mearsheimer, John J. *The Great Delusion: Liberal Dreams and International Realities* (Yale University Press, 2018), chs.1-4.
- Russett and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence and International Organizations*, WW Norton 2001, Chs. 1, 4, 5.
- Paul, T.V., "Globalization, De-globalization and Re-Globalization: Adapting Liberal International Order," *International Affairs*, 97(5), Fall, 2021 pp. 1599-1620.

May 30: Change in World Politics: Status and Rising Powers

Paul, T.V. Deborah Larson and William Wohlforth eds. *Status in World Politics*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), Chs.1 &2.

Larson, Deborah Welch, and Alekseï Shevchenko. *Quest for Status: Chinese and Russian Foreign Policy*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2019, Chs. 1, 2. and 6.

Ward, Steven. *Status and the Challenge of Rising Powers: Obstructed Ambitions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. Intro, Chs. 1 and 2.

Paul, T.V. ed., *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present and Future*, Cambridge University Press, 2016, ch.1 and 10.

Evelyn. "Contesting Hegemonic Order: China in East Asia." *Security Studies* 28, no. 3 (2019): 614-44.

June 6: Regional Orders

Paul T.V. and Markus Kornprobst eds. *The New Cold War and Changing Regional Orders* (2 chapters From the book manuscript).

Paul, T.V. ed., *International Relations Theory and Regional Transformation* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), chs. 1, 2, 8, 11.

Buzan, Barry and Ole Waever, *Regions and Powers* Cambridge University Press, 2003, Chs. 1-3.

Miller, Benjamin, *States, Nations and Great Powers*, Cambridge University Press, 2007:

Chs.1-3.

Adler, Immanuel and M. Barnett eds., *Security Communities*, Cambridge, Cambridge University

Press, 1998: Chs.1 & 2.

Zacher, Mark W., "The Territorial Integrity Norm," *International Organization*, 55(2), Spring 2001, 15-50.

Paul, T.V. "Realism, Liberalism and Regional Order in East Asia: Toward a Hybrid Approach," *Pacific*

Review, 35, no.1 (Fall 2022), 1028-48.

June 13: The New Balance of Power

Levy, Jack, "What do Great Powers Balance against and When?," in Paul T.V., et al., eds., *Balance of Power: Theory and Practice in the 21st Century* (Stanford: Stanford University

Press, 2005), 29-51.

Paul, T.V. *Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era* (New Haven:

Yale University Press, 2018), chs.1, 2 &8.

Goddard, Stacie, "The Outsiders: How the International System can Still Restrain China and Russia,"

Foreign Affairs, 101(3), May-June 2022, 28-39.

Walt, Stephen, *The Origins of Alliances*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1987: Chs. 1-2, 8.

Gilpin, Robert. 1981. *War and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,

1981, Preface, Chs., 1& 5.

2 Alternate Topics

Change in World Politics: Global IR; Peaceful Change

Acharya, Amitav and Barry Buzan, *The Making of Global International Relations* (Cambridge:

Cambridge University Press, 2019), Introduction; Chs. 9-10.

Paul, T.V. et al, Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Peaceful Change in International Relations* (New

York: Oxford University Press, 2021), Chs. 1, 9, 11, 12 & 13.

Crawford, Neta. *Argument and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004, Intro, Ch.1-4.

Holsti, K.J. *Taming the Sovereigns: Institutional Change in International Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004: Chs. 1-4.

Kupchan, Charles A. *How Enemies Become Friends: The Sources of Stable Peace* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010), 1-72; 389-414.

Nuclear Orders

Jervis, Robert, *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution*, Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1989; Chs. 1-4; 7.

Tannenwald, Nina, *The Nuclear Taboo*, Cambridge University Press, 2007:1-71.

- Paul, T.V., *The Tradition of Non-use of Nuclear Weapons*, Stanford University Press, 2009, Chs 1-2, conclusions.
- Paul, T.V., *Power versus Prudence: Why Nations Forgo Nuclear Weapons*, McGill-Queens University Press, 2000, Chs. 1-2.
- Hymans, Jacques, *The Psychology of Non-Proliferation*, Cambridge, 2006, Chs. 1-3.
- Knopf, Jeffrey W., "Recasting the Proliferation Optimism-Pessimism Debate," *Security Studies* 12(1), Autumn 2002:41-96.
- Achen, Christopher and Duncan Snidal, "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies," *World Politics*, 41(2), Jan. 1989: 143-69.
- Paul, T.V. ed., *Complex Deterrence: Strategy in the Global Age*, University of Chicago Press, 2009: Chapters: 1, 3, and 5.
- Goodman, Will, "Cyber Deterrence: Tougher in Theory than in Practice?" *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 4, no. 3 (Fall 2010), pp. 102-135.

Week 18

June 20: Wrap Up